



# 2002 Annual Report to Citizens

The last year has been filled with many challenges and even more successes. We are working ever harder to improve public safety, to be more efficient, and to plan for an uncertain future. At the same time, the budget crisis facing city, county and state governments means that we must ensure public safety with ever shrinking resources. I am proud to report that, in spite of these challenges, the King County Sheriff's Office has never been stronger.

The primary duty of the Sheriff's Office is to protect citizens and enforce the laws. Fulfilling this duty requires a well-trained and service-oriented staff. Since 1998, approximately 90 percent of our staff have been providing direct services to the residents of King County and our region. Our staff respond to emergency calls, patrol our communities, investigate crimes, serve civil and criminal warrants, issue gun permits, work to keep our schools safe, and much more. They are supported by approximately 100 people who manage programs such as recruiting and hiring, internal investigations, budgeting and finance, property management, legal affairs and other important administrative functions.

The year just past also had its tragedies for our community and



## VISION

The vision of the King County Sheriff's Office is to be the provider of police services in Metropolitan King County.

## MISSION

The mission of the King County Sheriff's Office is to provide quality, professional, regional law enforcement services tailored to the needs of individual communities to improve public safety.

## GOALS

To reduce crime and the fear of crime.

To provide high-quality, cost-effective, and accountable services to the citizens of unincorporated King County and to our contract cities.

To commit to community policing at all levels of the King County Sheriff's Office.

## CORE VALUES

Leadership, Integrity, Service, Teamwork

the Sheriff's Office, none more disturbing than the loss of one of our deputies and a friend. I want to pause to remember Deputy Richard Herzog who was killed in the line of duty on June 22, 2002. Deputy Herzog was fearlessly doing his job, trying to calm a tense situation, when he was shot and killed. We all will remember Rich as a good officer, but more importantly, as a good man. His family will remain in our thoughts. The hundreds of citizens who sent messages of condolences and attended his funeral were a testament to the positive effect he had on our community.

We should remember Deputy Herzog and other fallen officers for another reason: As we talk about resources, statistics, technology, and the other technical details of running a large law enforcement agency, we must remember that the King County Sheriff's Office is the men and women who are working hard to keep us safe. Every day, our deputies are putting their lives on the line for their neighbors, and sometimes the cold statistics don't pay proper respect to their duty and honor. Furthermore, our job is not getting easier. In 2003, the KCSO experienced 67 assaults on officers. This is a significant increase over previous years. As you will read in this report, we are attempting to improve safety for officers and the public through the



use of less lethal weapons. However, some criminals are becoming ever more brazen in their attacks on officers. We will continue to explore all options to ensure the safety of the public and our staff.

This year the Sheriff's office was further challenged by claims by some in our community that law enforcement was not sensitive enough to their needs and priorities. As a result, I convened a series of gatherings discussing race and law enforcement. These opportunities for public dialogue allowed our diverse communities to better communicate in an open environment. This dialogue will continue, and the KCSO's innovative outreach program has now become a national model for other law enforcement agencies.

In addition, the Sheriff's Office is working ever harder to fight domestic violence, a problem that has far-ranging and tragic effects. I co-chair the King County Government Domestic Violence Council [DVC] with County Executive Ron Sims and Prosecutor Norm Maleng. The DVC hosted an event in downtown Seattle to provide information about domestic violence and how victims can receive help. This is just one of many activities that our office is spearheading to reduce the fear and pain that comes from this insidious crime.

This year certainly has had its ups and downs. We choose to celebrate our successes, embrace our challenges, and learn from both so that we can continue to provide exceptional law enforcement service to the citizens of King County. We thank you for your interest in our office, and hope to earn your ongoing support.

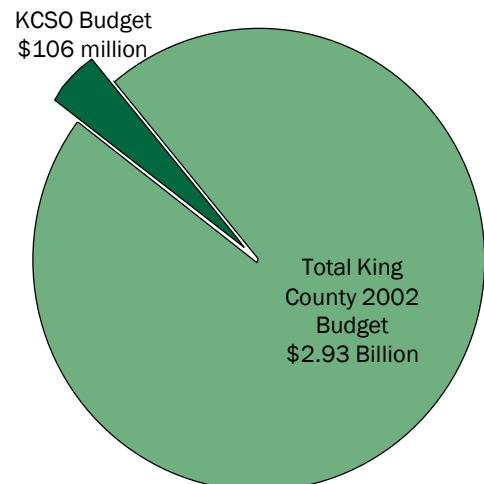
Sincerely,

David G. Reichert, Sheriff

## The Cost of a Sheriff's Office

The total 2002 KCSO budget was \$106 million, which is about 3.7% of the total county budget (\$2.93 billion). Our resources come from the general (CX) fund, criminal justice (CJ) fund, AFIS Levy, drug forfeitures, and federal and state grants. Although we received about \$91.6 million in 2002 from the county's general fund, 42 percent of that money was returned to the county from our contract income. The actual cost to King County taxpayers for the Sheriff's office was \$53.1 million, only 1.8% of the total King County budget. We truly are doing more with less.

About 82% of our budget is spent on personnel costs. Fourteen percent is paid to other King County agencies for vehicles, buildings, technology, and other support services. The remaining 4% is spent on other services (computers, gas, supplies, etc.). The KCSO has more detailed material available on the budget for those who want to see how their tax dollars are being spent.





# *Excellence in Service*

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## *2002 Awards*

### **Employee of the Year** **Administrative Specialist Keller**

Ms. Keller is an administrative specialist assigned to the Special Assault Unit, and is known for her dedication and willingness to take on new work. She has worked tirelessly to create and maintain the KCSO's sexual offender database. The department depends on this information for locating and monitoring these individuals as required by law.



### **Deputy of the Year** **Master Police Officer Hoag**

MPO Hoag was selected because of his dedication and the quality of his work – particularly as a training officer/Master Police Officer (MPO). He also is known for his relentlessness – during one pursuit, he borrowed a boat and apprehended a suspect who was trying to swim away. He is a role model for all deputies.



### **Detective of the Year** **Detective Thompkins**

Detective Thompkins was the overwhelming nominee by his peer detectives. He has handled several very complicated and gruesome homicides scenes in the past year, and both his peers and his supervisors have noted that his skill and dedication toward these investigations is unmatched. They also comment that he is the ideal team player within the organization, always willing to pitch in and help when it is needed.

### **Reserve Deputy of the Year** **Reserve Deputy Smith**

Reserve Deputy Smith is assigned to Precinct Four, where he has served for over 15 years. His speciality is finding stolen cars; in the last 12 months, he has located and recovered 56 vehicles. Deputies joke that he has a “zen-like” connection with the cars. He has a great attitude and is always willing to assist with transports or other duties.



### **Volunteer of the Year** **Volunteer McLaughlin**

Ms. McLaughlin has volunteered at Precinct Four for many years. She assists the sergeants with countless special projects, regularly works long hours on the Citizens' Patrol, and helps manage the Strawberry Festival. Her hours of service and pleasant disposition have resulted in her selection for Volunteer of the Year.



### **Explorer of the Year** **Explorer Captain Holmes**

Explorer Holmes is the captain of the Explorer Post at Precinct Five. He is a full-time student in the law enforcement program at Shoreline Community College, and works 20 hours per week interning at another local police agency. In spite of this schedule, he puts in hundreds of hours of volunteer time towards a variety of projects. He recently earned the prize for top marksman at a state-wide Explorer competition.

# Statistical Review

## KCSO Crime Summary

Offense	2001	2002
Part I Offenses	19,862	19,415
Part II Offenses*	20,613	19,730
Breakdown of Part I Offenses		
Criminal Homicide	22	22
Forcible Rape**	233	198
Robbery	374	370
Aggravated Assault	760	706
Commercial Burglary	1,058	1,148
Residential Burglary	2,569	2,754
Larceny, Over \$250	4,808	4,684
Larceny, Under \$250	6,273	5,803
Vehicle Theft	3,427	3,441
Arson	338	289

\* All offenses not listed as Part I offenses.

## KCSO Activity Summary

Activity	2001	2002
Dispatched Calls for Service	126,730	122,651
Adult Charges & Arrests	10,990	10,618
Juvenile Charges & Arrests	2,289	2,221
Traffic Enforcement	50,284	49,180
Officers Assaulted	49	67
Gang-Related Incidents	424	464
Domestic Violence Related Incidents	5,031	4,691
Hate Crimes & Malicious Harassment Reports	55	31
Auto Recoveries	3,077	2,538
Criminal Warrants Served	15,543	10,921
Transit Police Arrests	1,000	838
Search and Rescue Missions	128	141

## 2002 Profiles of Cities Served and Unincorporated King County

City/Area	Population	DCFS*	Part I Crimes	Part II Crimes	Part I Crime Rate **	Part II Crime Rate **
Beaux Arts	295	45	8	4	27.12	13.56
Burien	31,810	13,294	2,388	2,276	75.07	71.55
Carnation	1,905	387	66	95	34.65	49.87
Covington	14,395	3,446	590	656	40.99	45.57
Kenmore	19,180	3,775	523	618	27.27	32.22
Maple Valley	15,040	3,237	425	440	28.26	29.26
Newcastle	8,205	1,444	210	177	25.59	21.57
North Bend	4,735	1,532	200	206	42.24	43.51
Sammamish	34,660	4,295	497	772	14.34	22.27
SeaTac	25,320	9,896	1,605	1,626	63.39	64.22
Shoreline	53,250	13,012	1,936	2,021	36.36	37.95
Skykomish	215	28	3	4	13.95	18.60
Woodinville	9,215	3,371	496	449	53.83	48.72
Unincorp. KC	351,675	64,639	10,468	10,386	29.77	29.53

### NOTES:

\* DCFS is Dispatched Calls for Service – calls to which one or more patrol cars is dispatched.

\*\* The Crime Rate is the number of crimes per 1,000 people.

# *Division Highlights*

## **Field Operations**



The Field Operations Division is led by Chief Sue Rahr, a 24-year veteran of the KCSO.

The division is staffed by 480 employees.

Field Operations provides response, patrol, and investigative services to citizens in unincorporated areas and the cities that contract with us.

The Field Operations Division is divided into three precincts that serve cities and unincorporated King County. A fourth precinct is dedicated to the city of Shoreline by contract. The following are the highlights from our division and each precinct.

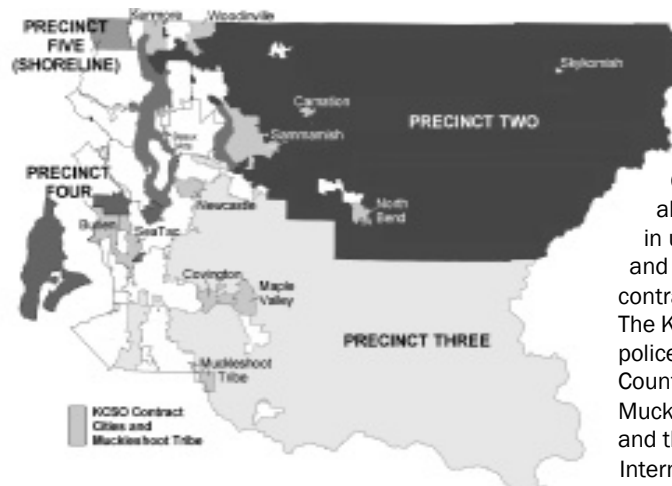
In an effort to reduce costs, we redeployed crime analysis and storefront deputies to vacant patrol positions. This action maintained our ability to respond to calls for service and eliminated the need for some overtime.

In January, the centralized Drug Enforcement Unit was redeployed to precinct-based neighborhood drug teams (NDETs) within this division. These units focus on “neighborhood drug problems” to investigate local drug crimes and drug related crimes, as opposed to major level drug dealers. Investigations of

“major dealers” who have an influence beyond local boundaries are referred to one of the local narcotic task forces or the DEA.

The KCSO also participated in the fifth annual Party Patrol in partnership with the Washington State Patrol, Washington State Liquor Control Board, and several other police departments, including our contract partners. Party patrol resulted in many arrests for alcohol related offenses. More importantly, it helped save lives: there were no fatal or serious injury alcohol related traffic accidents involving juveniles in King County during the time our party patrol was in operation.

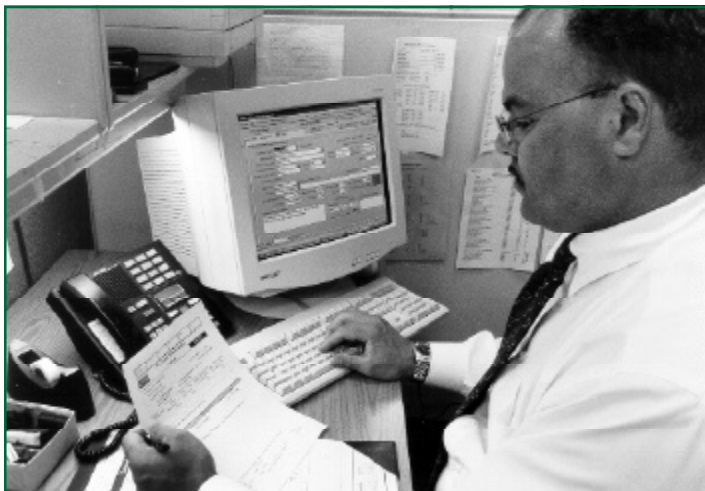
In partnership with the Property Management Unit and King County Fleet Administration, we implemented a plan to reduce fuel costs. The plan called for deputies



### **Whom Do We Serve?**

In 2002, the King County Sheriff's Office (KCSO) served almost 570,000 people in unincorporated areas and the cities that contract for our services. The KCSO also provided the police departments for King County Metro, the Muckleshoot Indian Tribe, and the King County International Airport.





KCSO sergeants use computers to review case reports, assign cases to detectives, approve overtime requests, and manage staffing.

to use county fuel pumps instead of private gas stations. In the first few months after implementation, this plan increased the departments use of county owned gas facilities from four percent to over 50 percent, and saved several thousand dollars. We are working on additional ways of increasing our fuel savings.

## Precinct Two

Precinct Two initiated the Chronic Property Crime Offender Protocol program in 2002. This program is a cooperative effort with the King County Prosecutor's Office. A "Top Five" list was developed and maintained at monthly precinct meetings; the individuals on the list were investigated and arrested when appropriate. This program has achieved great success in the cooperative work of patrol deputies, property crime and NDET detectives. In one case, the suspect was stealing at least one motor vehicle and committing several burglaries and car prowls every day.

The precinct worked in cooperation with the contract cities

of Kenmore and Shoreline to sponsor a thirteen-week Citizen's Academy for twenty-eight people. These citizens learned about the criminal justice system, the police officers and deputies who serve them, the peacekeeping services they receive, and information about how they can help their neighborhoods and businesses prevent crime and stay safe.

Precinct Two also coordinated the law enforcement response to significant events that drew thousands of people to the area. These included the NEC Golf Invitational in Sammamish and Luis Palau concert series at Marymoor Park.

## Precinct Three

Precinct Three made an additional change to free up patrol deputies for emergency response and problem solving. Starting in 2002, precinct commanders directed on-site detectives to help 387 people who came to the precinct front counter for assistance. The citizens did not have to wait for a patrol deputy to respond from the field, thus saving their time and allowing patrol deputies to focus on responding to 911 calls.

In June, five deputies responded to a report of a



Precinct Three was rededicated in 2002 as the "Hicks-Raburn" Precinct, in honor of fallen officers Samuel Hicks and Michael Raburn. The precinct has a redesigned community meeting room and a garden of honor that reminds visitors of the sacrifice made by these and other law enforcement officers.



Radar boards are one tool used by our contract city police departments to address neighborhood traffic concerns. The programs are sometimes run in partnership with other city departments such as Public Works.

involved were arrested and convicted.

## City Police Departments

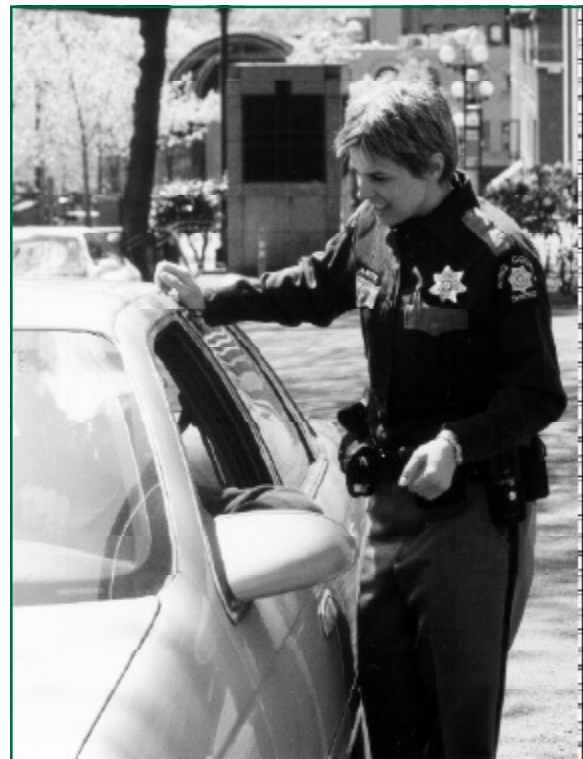
The KCSO continued to provide law enforcement service contracts to 13 cities in 2002. These cities are Beaux Arts Village, Burien, Carnation, Covington, Kenmore, Maple Valley, Newcastle, North Bend, Sammamish, SeaTac, Shoreline, Skykomish, and Woodinville. In 2002, the cities emphasized community policing strategies that met the needs of their citizens, as well as traffic problems. Most of these city departments will publish a Service Efforts and Accomplishments Report with detailed information about police activities during the previous year.

young girl who was trapped underwater. The deputies formed a human chain, rescued the nine-year-old, and performed CPR until medics arrived. The girl survived because of their efforts.

## Precinct Four

Precinct Four shifted its investigative strategy to counteract the growing auto theft problem and associated drug and crime wave activity. They placed special emphasis on auto theft investigations, and a combined investigative and patrol “focus” was applied to auto theft offenders and their associated methamphetamine production. Addressing the auto theft problem through drug investigations proved to be more effective in removing prolific auto thieves from the street than stand-alone auto theft prosecution.

Auto Theft “Chop Shop” operations were taken down throughout the year in SeaTac, Burien and unincorporated King County, resulting in numerous arrests and the seizing of enough property to fill our evidence room to capacity! Detectives from multiple south-end jurisdictions worked together to shut down one of the largest chop shop operations in the area. The auto thefts and other associated crimes took place throughout the south end of King County and northern-most section of Pierce County. Most of the suspects



Traffic stops are one job of patrol deputies. The KCSO works hard to ensure that these interactions are conducted professionally.

# *Division Highlights*

## **Special Operations**



The Special Operations Division is led by Chief Rich Krogh, a 31-year veteran of the KCSO.

The division is staffed by 104 employees.

Special Operations offers specialized units and manages our contracts to provide Metro Transit Police and the King County Airport Police. Specialized units include K-9, bomb disposal, search and rescue, and SWAT.

In 2002, we emphasized the need to have a broader, more regional approach to specialized law enforcement services, such as those provided by the Special Operations Section. Several agencies in the area provide services such as K-9 and SWAT. Others, such as Air Support are provided only by the KCSO. These services would be less costly to taxpayers if they were coordinated regionally through partnerships, schedule planning, contracts, or other mechanisms. Regional management also would ensure that officers in these specialized, often high-risk assignments would continue to receive thorough training and regular callouts, which promotes officer and citizen safety.

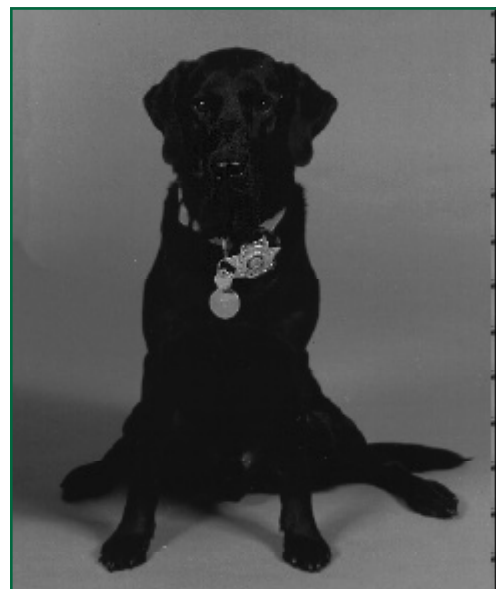
### **Preparing for Terrorism**

Preparing for terrorism was a department-wide effort led by the Special Operations Division. The KCSO began with a Homeland Security Plan that assessed our strengths and weaknesses, our coordination with other agencies, and our ability to respond. Following the plan, we made significant security improvements at each KCSO location, began participating in several state and federal task forces, and formed a Regional Criminal Intelligence Group. In addition, the KCSO obtained federal grant funding to purchase a

back-up server for our records and information system and personal protective equipment for first responders.

### **TAC-30/SWAT**

The KCSO has a 20-member TAC-30 team, which responded to over 30 missions in 2002. Missions included barricaded individuals, high risk search warrants, and even security during a high profile homicide trial. Since each member of the team has another primary duty -- such as training, traffic, or K-9 unit -- a response team can be assembled in almost anywhere in the county within 45 minutes. In 2002, the team formalized the training standards



Quincy is the only explosives detection K-9 in the Pacific Northwest. He and his handler serve every agency in the region.





The KCSO Air Support Unit conducts pursuits, search and rescue, surveillance, and patrol backup functions.

and established training goals for each deputy. The team continues to meet national SWAT training standards. Twelve of the team members are state-certified to train other agencies in correct response techniques. This advanced training reduces the risks to citizens and deputies during TAC-30 deployment.

The KCSO also replaced an aging armored car with a Peacekeeper armored vehicle that was U.S. government surplus. A cooperative effort by the King County garage, Metro Transit, and the TAC-30 team restored the vehicle to excellent condition.

## K-9 Unit

The K9 Unit cross-trained two canines to conduct narcotics searches in addition to tracking. The unit now has one dedicated narcotics dog and three cross-trained dogs. The dogs are instrumental in finding narcotics and money. In fact, one search conducted by a K9 team located about \$750,000 in a vehicle suspected of being used to transport narcotics.

## Air Support Unit

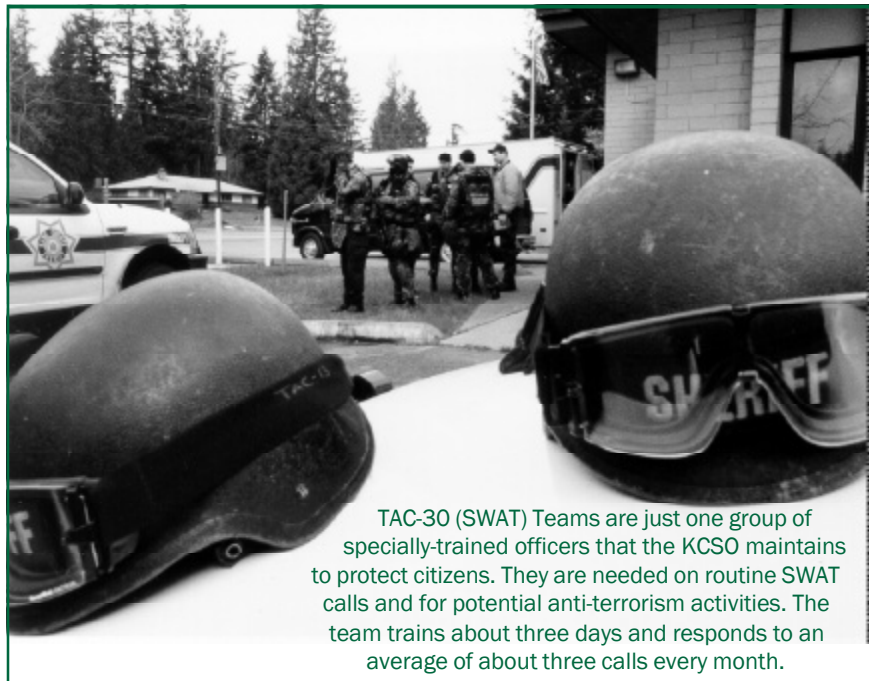
The Air Support Unit serves

many critical KCSO functions including patrol backup and search and rescue (SAR), which is required by state law. During 2002, the "Guardian One" helicopter responded to 54 search and rescue requests. In many instances, Guardian One located the missing people with the FLIR (thermal imager) and/or night sun, and then led the ground SAR teams to the victims, saving several hours of searching through rough terrain by ground teams.

Guardian One also became involved in 19 pursuits within King County. During pursuits, using the helicopter allows the deputies in cars to back off from the suspect vehicle and have the helicopter conduct the pursuit. This approach saves the lives of officers, suspects, and innocent citizens by avoiding high-speed chases.

## King County International Airport

The King County International Airport contracts with the KCSO for personnel in its Airport Rescue and Fire Fighting (ARFF) Unit. During the summer of 2002, the employees who were part of the unit before the contract became members of the



TAC-30 (SWAT) Teams are just one group of specially-trained officers that the KCSO maintains to protect citizens. They are needed on routine SWAT calls and for potential anti-terrorism activities. The team trains about three days and responds to an average of about three calls every month.



The Marine Unit patrols Lakes Washington and Sammamish, and participates in search and rescue missions on local rivers.

King County Police Guild. This transition allows all deputies and sergeants to be part of the same bargaining unit, and gives the KCIA more personnel with whom they can fill positions. Veteran KCSO deputies began filling ARFF Unit vacancies in November 2002.

In December, two deputies responded to a plane crash and fire at the airport. The three people aboard the small twin engine jet escaped without injury thanks to the availability and fast response of this unit.

## Marine Patrol

The Dive Unit responded to 58 incidents, recovering nine drowning victims, six stolen vehicles in lakes and rivers, and two stolen weapons, as well as rescuing many people from local rivers. The Marine Unit also patrolled Lakes Washington and Sammamish for unincorporated areas and seven contract cities.

Water safety continued to be a priority, so the unit conducted twenty educational dives and fifty educational presentations on water safety at local elementary schools. These presentations were often done with the assistance of our remote controlled boat, "Charlie," who specializes in talking to young children.

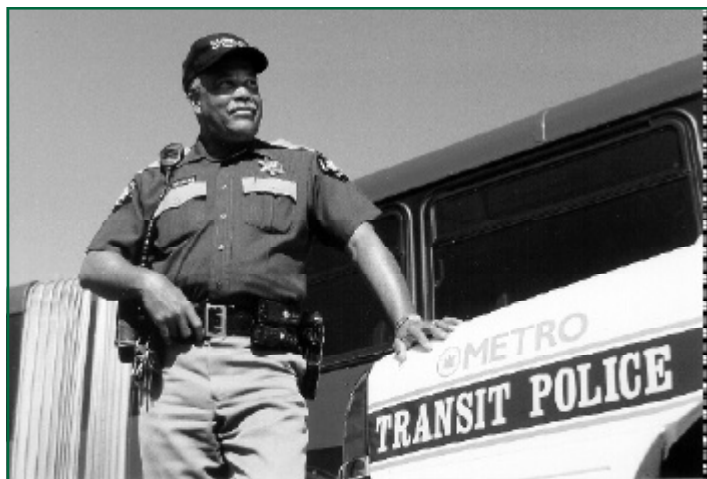
## Metro Transit Police

King County Metro Transit contracts with the KCSO for a Metro Transit Police Unit (MTP). In 2002, we aimed to improve safety for operators and passengers. This involved participating in new Service Supervisor training, developing a program to increase the use of operator feedback cards, and meeting with operators to address their security concerns.

Since fare disputes are a factor in many harassment and assault-related security incidents, MTP worked with Metro Operations to address and prevent fare evasion.

Signs were placed on fare boxes to inform passengers that failure to pay the correct fare was a criminal offense, and MTP worked with the King County Prosecutor's Office to establish filing standards. In addition, we distributed training bulletins to operators and conducted fare enforcement emphasis patrols.

In addition, MTP developed and implemented a significant schedule change to provide a "Night Owl" patrol position. The "Night Owl" car improves security for the graveyard bus operators, and should help reduce the number of incidents that occur after midnight.



Metro Transit Police are a vital part of the KCSO, improving safety for operators and passengers on the Metro Transit bus system.

# *Division Highlights*

## **Technical Services**



The Technical Services Division is led by Chief Pat Lee, a 29-year veteran of law enforcement.

The division is staffed by 319 employees.

Technical Services provides services including 911 call receiving and dispatching, finance and accounting, records, police training, contracts, civil process, fingerprinting, and personnel.

The Technical Services Division is made up of several disparate sections and units. The following are their highlights for 2002.

### **Contracting Unit**

In 2002, the Contracting Unit focused on three priorities: converting statistical information into electronic databases, developing a method to identify the drivers of cost changes for our contracts, and reorganizing to provide additional budgetary support to the contracts. These changes, taken together, improved our ability to provide current and accurate information to our partners. In addition, the KCSO worked with SeaTac and Burien to develop a new service approach that better meets the law enforcement needs of the cities and surrounding unincorporated areas.

### **Regional Automated Information Network**

In November 2002, KCSO launched RAIN (Regional Automated Information Network), a data sharing initiative of the King County Police Chiefs Association. This is a significant milestone, not only due to the technology employed in this pilot project, but due to the cooperation and relationship demonstrated by the agencies involved (KCSO, Bellevue & Tukwila). This pilot proves the capability and willingness of the agencies within King County Police Chiefs Association to share records

management data beyond jurisdictional boundaries.

### **Grant Program**

KCSO applied for and was awarded a COPS More grant of \$400,000. The grant enabled the KCSO to deploy 214 desktop and laptop computers, upgrade the memory capability in 303 computers, and purchase parts for our servers. The KCSO also received grants for DNA testing (\$500,000), a School Safety program (\$205,000), and the COPS Metamphetamine Initiative (\$105,000).

### **Personnel Services**

In 2002, the Personnel Unit obtained approval for a "return-to-work" specialist who will handle the entire workload of coordinating and assisting supervisors and managers with Family Medical Leave requests, disability accommodations, provision of transitional duty assignments, and management of long-term medical leaves. Improving these processes helps the KCSO manage our people to provide the highest level of service possible.

### **Civil Process Unit**

The King County Sheriff's Office is required by state law to provide civil process services throughout King County (including all cities). The Civil Process Unit serves court





Professional staff members in our Civil Unit directly serve the citizens of King County.

### Civil Process Unit Workload

Activity	Workload
Criminal Subpoenas	55,619
Domestic Violence	8,351
Anti-Harassment	2,000
Civil Process	4,182
Evictions	4,185
Personal Property	169
Real Property	128
Habeas Corpus	58
Warrants	1,515
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>76,207</b>

orders such as domestic violence orders, anti-harassment orders, small claims, criminal subpoenas, summons and complaints, civil warrants, and other court related documents, as required. The unit also conducts sales of real and personal property as ordered by the court to assist in satisfying judgments.

As part of the KCSO's Crime Free Multi-Unit Housing program (a partnership between police and landlords), the detectives presented a class about landlord tenant issues. In 2002, the staff from this unit provided training to over 100 officers and citizens about civil process.

same section in 2002. The Records Unit workload is shown in the chart below.

The Data Control Unit, which is staffed with 12 employees, enters and maintains computer and paper files on wanted, missing and dangerous persons, stolen property, and court orders. They maintain round-the-clock support to local, state,

## Records and Data Units

The Records and Data Units form the information hub of the KCSO, so they were aligned under the

### Records Unit Workload

Activity	2001	2002
Reports Processed	86,430	120,579
Records Checks	15,094	13,787
Sex Offenders Registered	601	716
Citations Processed	54,015	47,969
Concealed Pistol Licenses	7,036	7,216
Firearms Sales Processed	4,766	4,251
Public Disclosure Requests	11,496	10,345



The KCSO Records Unit maintains thousands of records, and helps citizens by providing information, fulfilling public disclosure requests, issuing gun permits, registering sex offenders, and more.

and national law enforcement agencies across the country to assist with the identification of wanted, missing and dangerous persons, stolen property, and enforcement of court orders. This unit consistently contributes 65 to 70 percent of all active records entered into the Washington Crime Information Center.

## Communications Center

Construction of the new Regional Communication Emergency Coordination Center (RCECC) continued through 2002 after years of planning; the center will become operational in June 2003. Having the facility means that our E-911 operations will be safe during natural or other disasters. The RCECC and Valley Communications will offer mutual back-up dispatch locations.

In the late fall of 2002, the KCSO Communications Center became a key player in the creation of a regional AMBER Alert system for abducted children investigations within King County and the entire Puget Sound Basin. We are now the central alert hub for all AMBER Alerts within King County regardless of investigating agency. The Center can use the King County Emergency Alert System to notify local media of an AMBER Alert abduction, and the public can then become the eyes and ears for the police as they locate an abducted child.

## Property Management Unit

The Property Management Unit (PMU) fully implemented our partnership with Property Bureau, a company that handles all of our property auctions on-line. The partnership streamlines our auctions, and the KCSO receives complete records of the transactions along with the proceeds.

PMU also worked with King County Fleet Management to replace eighteen vehicles from the KCSO fleet with smaller cars, realizing considerable

savings. The Unit also developed a fleet inventory control database with the assistance of the Research and Planning Unit. All of the site coordinators now have access to this database to monitor vehicle use and location as well as inventory.

## Advanced Training Unit

As part of the budget cuts, the KCSO reduced the Advanced Training Unit by four instructors and reprioritized the major training initiatives driven and supported by the Advanced Training Unit. Despite the cuts, the ATU still provided 21 four-day sessions of Advanced In-Service Training (required for all deputies every other year), new hire classes for 50 recruit and lateral deputies, and emergency vehicle operations course driver education.

In addition, the ATU led the way for the KCSO to meet a Washington Administrative Code (WAC) that required all police executives, commanders and supervisors to obtain career level certification commensurate to their rank within eighteen months of promotion. By the end of 2002, 96 percent of the affected KCSO personnel had obtained their certification.



The Property Management Unit manages evidence and supplies for the KCSO, and conducts marijuana tests.



# *Division Highlights*

## **Criminal Investigations**



The Criminal Investigations Division is led by Chief Fabienne Brooks, a 25-year veteran of the KCSO.

Criminal Investigations is staffed by 143 employees.

Criminal Investigations investigates crimes such as homicide, domestic violence, narcotics, computer fraud, forgery, and sexual assault. These employees also participate in drug task forces, address child support issues, manage superior and district court security, and serve criminal warrants.

In recent years, the Criminal Investigations Division has taken a strong leadership role in developing regional partnerships. These partnerships address local narcotics problems, drug smuggling operations, fraud, terrorism, and more. Partnerships are an effective way to use limited resources and attack crime that crosses jurisdictional boundaries.

The division took other steps to conserve resources as well. Several units changed their work hours and adopted a phased approach to crime scene response. As a result, we significantly reduced overtime expenditures.

### **Multi-jurisdictional Efforts**

Organized crime and drug enforcement requires multi-jurisdictional efforts to stop crimes that cross state and national boundaries, and affect citizens everywhere. In 2002, the Organized Crime Drug Enforcement Task Force Operation (OCDEF) Operation Bon Voyage investigation targeted a multi-kilogram cocaine smuggling organization. As a result of the joint efforts, thirteen people have been arrested, and the agencies have seized over 150 kilograms of cocaine and almost \$2 million in currency. In addition, four real



Checks and passports are just a few items created and used by identity thieves.

properties were indicted, valued at over \$1.5 million.

Another case shows just how far-reaching identity theft can be. In a cooperative investigation with the Fraud Unit, the King County Regional Criminal Intelligence Group, the Major Crimes Unit, and the Secret Service, the Overland Park Police in Kansas was able to develop sufficient probable cause to arrest a woman for identity fraud. Information resulting from her arrest gave detectives information about fake credit cards being manufactured at a home in King County. A search found sophisticated equipment for making fraudulent identification and credit cards, numerous blank credit

cards, embossing equipment, two guns, a bulletproof vest, and two stolen vehicles. The investigation is ongoing, and may reach more jurisdictions.

## Homeland Security

Homeland security is an issue that affects us on a local level. The KCSO has assigned a detective to the FBI Joint Terrorism Task Force. The task force helps us to coordinate efforts across the country to address homeland security issues. In addition, the Sheriff's Office led our area in hosting a Regional Criminal Intelligence Group with partners from the Redmond, Kirkland, and Seattle Police, the Washington State Patrol, the Department of Corrections, and the King County Jail to share information on criminals.

## King County Meth Action Team

Methamphetamine continues to be a problem in all jurisdictions of King County; in fact, the state Department of Ecology cleaned almost 250 sites in 2002. The KCSO recognizes that a regional approach is the best solution to the problem, so we are leaders in the King County Meth Action Team. In June, the Team hosted a meth conference and specialized training that addressed drug endangered children.

The event, cosponsored by DSHS, drew over 200 attendees. A \$30,000 federal grant that was secured by the Meth Action Team will fund a second conference in November of 2003 (and videotaping of that conference), as well as landlord/tenant drug training.

## Domestic Violence

Addressing the problem of domestic violence continues to be a priority for the KCSO; in 2002 alone, we responded to over 4,600 domestic-violence related

incidents. To ensure that we provide the necessary support to victims and pursue the case appropriately, the KCSO developed a specialized ten-member Domestic Violence Intervention Unit (DVIU), which reviews all cases related to domestic violence, follows up on them as appropriate, and conducts training for deputies and citizens.

One training session was developed in partnership with the King County Prosecutor's Office, Public Health, CPS and others to provide law enforcement with guidelines on investigating and documenting domestic violence cases when children are present.

During the year, the DVIU developed a protocol for firearms surrender with the King County Prosecutor and District Courts. The protocol provides a mechanism by which offenders can comply with protection orders that instruct them to turn in any firearms. The enhanced investigations will assist the prosecutor in determining when a "Surrender of Firearm Order" should be imposed by the court, and ultimately improve the safety of victims. The KCSO received a grant to fund a project coordinator position for this effort.



Meth clean up and investigation requires specialized training and equipment, as well as a regional approach to information sharing and education.



**Dedicated to the Memory of  
Deputy Richard Herzog  
Fallen in the Line of Duty, June 22, 2002**